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SUBJECT: DIVIDED FAMILIES

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1. ON DECEMBER 21, CHARGE BUZEK CALLED ON DEPASST SEC (EUR) ARMITAGE, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, TO INFORM US THAT CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES HAVE DECIDED TO PERMIT THE REUNIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING THREE CHILDREN WITH THEIR PARENTS IN THE US: PAVEL KAREZ, BORN 3/28/68; EDUARD HOLMAN, B8RN 7/6/65; AND JAN CSOLTKO, BORN 11/29/65.

2. BUZEK SAID THAT OF THE "TWENTY" (WE UNDERSTAND 19) CASES OF WHICH WE WERE INFORMED IN NOVEMBER, THESE THREE HAVE BEEN FAVORABLY DECIDED, AND ONE, VIERA MAKAROVA, HAS BEEN REFUSED. BUZEK HAD NO INFORMATION ON WHY MAKAROVA HAS BEEN TURNED DOWN. THE REMAINING "SIXTEEN" CASES WILL BE DECIDED SHORTLY.

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3. BUZEK NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR BYRNE WOULD BE INFORMED OF THESE CASES BY ZANTOVSKY DECEMBER 22. ARMITAGE THANKED BUZEK FOR THE GOOD NEWS AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS WOULD MEAN SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO OUR OTHER

DIVIDED FAMILIES CASES. ARMITAGE REITERATED THE US CONCERN FOR FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE CASES IN THE CSCE CONTEXT.

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM DEPARTMENT ONCE MFA MAKES ITS PRESENTATION ON THESE CASES. WE PLAN TO INFORM THE PARENTS OF THE THREE ON DECEMBER 23, ONCE WE HAVE CONFIRMATION OF INFORMATION FROM MFA. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO REQUEST REASON FOR TURN-DOWN OF MAKAROVA, AND ASK WHAT AVENUES OF APPEAL ARE AVAILABLE TO HER.

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